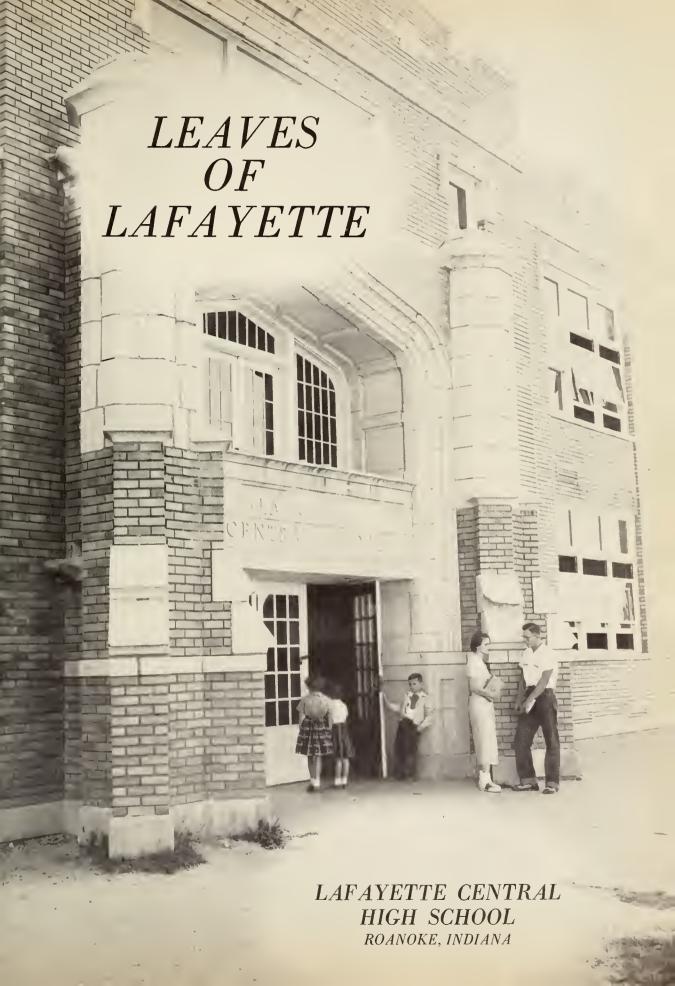




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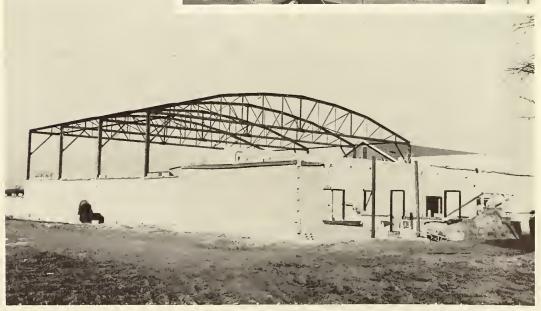
## It's the Little Things From the Smallest



BRYCE WHELCHEL 5 ft. 1

Miss Christ teaches second year shorthand, the smallest class at Lafayette. Wally Beard, Barbara Richardson, and Donna Fairchild make up the class.





Construction on our new gymnasium began September 7, 1954. With the completion of the new gym Lafayette Central is looking forward to being hosts to neighboring schools whose facilities we have often used in the past.

# That Count... to the Largest.



"Go team go" was the cry that arose from the cheering section on December 17 as Lafayette defeated Liberty Center 57 to 51.



Even though our school is small we have fifteen acres of ground on which there are three ball diamonds, a fifth of a mile track, tennis courts, outside basketball courts, and playground equipment for the grade children.





Leona Schnepp, Rosalie Mongosa, and Duane Karr seem to be studying hard for a semester test. It looks like Sherman Meshberger has something else on his mind, doesn't it?

Herman Hammer may not be able to type sixty words a minute, but when Cleo Bermes had typewriter trouble, "fix-it" Herman put his mechanical mind to work.



## Together

Even though our school is small, we have a varied curriculum. Language and social study courses, most of which are required, have enrollments of ninety-five and sixty-one respectively.

Speed and accuracy are well-worn words often heard by fifty-five students taking commercial courses.

Because we are a farming community, and many parents work in Fort Wayne factories, forty-five pupils chose vocational classes.

Science courses, including mathematics, biology, and chemistry were the choice of sixty-eight.





Marilyn Woodward is relating an amusing incident to Barbara Morris and Patty Rupert. With all girls in the class, there is never a dull moment.

Ruth Ann Gass is studying for a speech to give in English class. Study hall is a busy place with many students carrying four solids and a few carrying five.

# We Study



In chemistry class Sandra Glass is demonstrating the method of collecting gases by displacement of water to a group of enthusiastic potential scientists.





In the High School Girls' Physical Education class volleyball is one of their main activities. During the year, though, they have also played softball, tennis, basketball, and deck tennis, and have done some tumbling.

# Each Receives More Help

The boys in the Junior High Physical Education class play basketball, volleyball and other sports. But if you will pardon the pun, "they all have their ups and downs."





Larry Duhamell, Bob Ripley, and Nancy Hitzfield seem amused as Mr. Karns tells the biology class the odd sounding Latin names of these butterflies.





In art class Bud Kirchner, Bob Carroll, and Marian Topp are working on still life charcoal drawings, while Donna Gundy is thinking.



The first day of Driver Training Class brought forth many questions. Gloria Faust and Marian Topp are very concerned over the identity of a certain little gadget. Mr. Kline insisted that it was the carburetor.

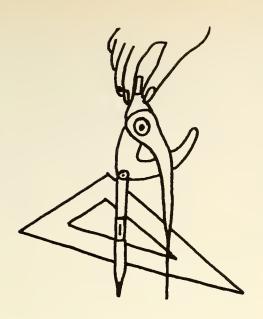
## In Small Classes Each Takes a Greater Part



These seventh graders, Mark Burley, Emilie Lovell, Dick Denney, and Jim Rupert, are studying the geographical features of Europe.



There are blunders in the numbers, but Miss Christ will straighten out Colleen Moore. I wonder if Gary Hall and Betty Reddin are having trouble with their lessons?





Wendell Parks, Mary Lou Johnson, and Janet Sink are finding that it is not so easy to solve for an unknown, which is just one of the many labors performed in algebra class.



These seniors, Nancy Bermes, Wally Beard, Janice Blauser, Bud Kirchner, and Bob Bradbury are learning in Government class the serious business of their privileges and obligations as citizens.



Some day, Tom Dahlkamp will follow in Herman Hammer's steps and make a fine table too. Shop is not as easy as people think; there is a lot of work connected with making a project.

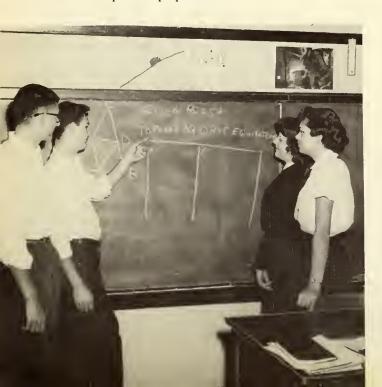


Here Nancy Blauser, Russell Topp, Ronnie Ripley, and Marjorie May are discussing early France and locating on the map places which they have studied.

Is Bill Hitzfield studying English or reading jokes? The studious ones are Beverley Platt, Nancy Heller, Harold Mallo, and Dale Stephens.



Roger Sadler, Bonnie Baughman, and Mary Alice Chupp seem to be willing listeners to Larry Esterline as he explains a proposition.









History to most students is a very serious subject. Mrs. DeHaven is helping Barbara Wisel with a problem, while Betty Williams struggles along on her own. I really cannot understand what Lou Ann Matthias finds funny in a History book.

## Teachers Know Individual Abilities



These girls practicing in Home Economics class now will never be "Brides that cook out of cans." In the process of learning, Janet Sparks and Leeanne Kramer have tried their luck. Peggy Bradbury and Louise Bradbury are the tasters.



The juniors presented Bolts and Nuts as their class play on October 15 and 16. The scene of this play is set in the spooky old mansion which Miss Rebecca Bolt inherited from her eccentric brother. She immediately starts on the pursuit of her hobby, psychoanalysis, by turning her home into a sanitarium for patients with phobias and nervous diseases. The "Nuts" then began to pour in and many cries arose due to a patient's thinking he is a noted doctor and Miss Bolts mistaking the famous doctor for a patient.

The cast was composed of the following juniors: Marilyn Woodward, Bob Hoopingarner, Sandra Glass, Gary Hall, Bob Carroll, Charles Johnson, Donna Gundy, Jackie Wisel, Beverly Evans, Tom Bradbury, Sherman Meshberger, Mary Lou Nahrwold, and Ned Brickley.









There is much excitement and rivalry during the noon hours, as the stage is filled with spectators and students playing off tournaments.



The girls' favorite noontime sport is volleyball. With four evenly divided teams the games are often very exciting.

## Together We Have Fun



When the gym is not otherwise occupied students find entertainment in an occasional shuffleboard game.

Compliments of SHEPLER MOTOR SALES Zanesville, Indiana Basketball is undoubtedly the most popular sport at Lafayette. The boys never tire of playing it and the girls enjoy watching it just as much.







Students wait for their report cards with mixed emotions. After the cards are passed out and discussed some show surprise, while others show disappointment.

Lockers serve a purpose other than the storage of books. Some lockers make a convenient leaning post for students talking, studying, or just relaxing.

Every morning before school starts groups of students can be found discussing the days problems and pet peeves.



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Not only high school students use these stairs, in fact they are more worn by the passing of the grade students to and from the restrooms.

# With People We Know

Mr. Karns, director of visual aids this year, orders films which provide a diversion as well as being educational.

This is a typical scene that takes place every noon as the students enjoy a good meal after a morning of hard work.





Every noon the students buy refreshments from this window. The seniors operate the store selling ice cream and candy.



At noon the teachers discuss the morning's activities over a cup of coffee and a hot meal.

Students who have free time just before lunch help in the cafeteria. Sherman is shown here emptying the garbage which is one of his daily tasks.







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2, 3.

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Sextet 2, 3; Booster 4; Play 3, 4;
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3, 4; Softball 2; Baseball 3; Volleyball 3; Vice President 4; Annual.

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Nancy Bermes
Annual; Volleyball 1, 2; GAA 1,
Treasurer 2; Chorns 1; Band 1;
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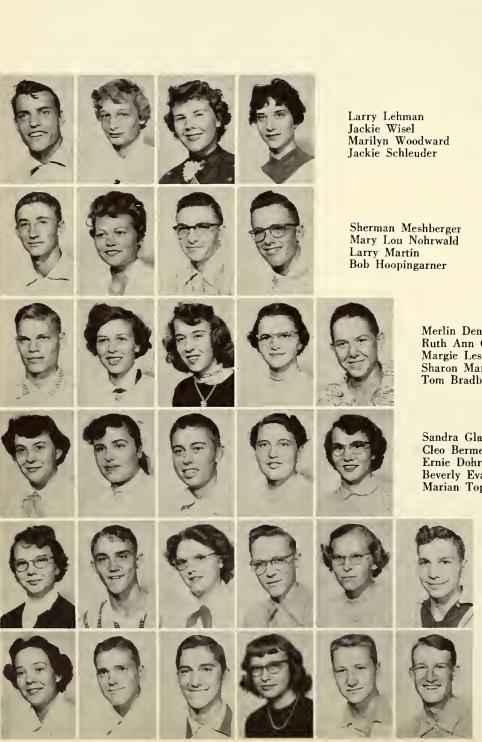






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Donna Gundy Bob Denney Ned Brickley Shirley Kirchner Gary Hall Bill Bell



President, Roger Sadler; Vice President, Leona Schnepp; Treasurer, Dale Stephens; Secretary, Larry Esterline.

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Bill Hitzfield Dale Stephens Evie Grabner Ronnie Ripley Nancy Blauser

Harrold Mallo Leona Schnepp Mary Alice Chupp Bonnie Baughman Rosalie Mongosa

Larry Esterline Russel Topp Beverly Platt Tom Dahlkamp Coleen Moore





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Glen Pelz Burton Wygant Larry Snyder Donna Mongosa Wendell Parks

Monty Tobias Mary Lou Johnson Eugene Rohr Philip Burley Louise Bradbury

Bryce Whelchel Nancy Hitzfield Bob Ripley Peggy Bradbury Bryon Nicholson







Jack Lannen Alma Lon Ewert Ronald Reddin Jane Woodward James Karr

Belanda Carpenter David Bailey Nancy Chupp Gerald Stephens Barbara Wisel

Eighth Grade



Sammy Kreigh Shaneen Harrod Keith Prough Lon Ann Matthias

Bruce Johnson Sharon Grabner Tom Sadler Elsie Fairchild DeWayne Heckley

Judy French David Keyser Betty Williams Jerald Sink Gene Lopshire



Larry Bradbury Susan Wright Jim Shadle Nila Tarr Kent Sink

Nolan Schmidt Joelene Wisel Melvin Baughman Eddie Reddin Emlie Lovell

#### Seventh Grade



Robert Hammer Monwell Sheley Joyce Young Jimmy Rupert Carylon King

Robert Rohr Connie Sheley Roger Lake Gary Bowersock Dick Denney

James Marhenke



Front row: Donna Lecoque, Sharon Brickley, Robert Lortie, Clodella Blauser, David Martz, Teddy Robr, Carol Buell, Paul Robison, Mr. Lake. Second row: Betty Prior, Billy Bailey, Robert Woods, Marian Jackson, Donna Tobias, Sharon Lesh, Brent Heckely, Edward Beard. Third row: Martha Thomas, Jesse Reddin, Barbara Folk, Robert Evans, Roxie Kreigh, Guy Hammer, Connie Smith.

#### Sixth and Fifth Grades

Front row: Mary Ann Johnson, Diane Keyser, Roland Denney, Bill Morris, Carl Lortie, Jon Carroll, Bob King, Don Ashbaugh, Elizabeth Comer. Second row: Joyce Bailey, Michael Black, Chaddie McClure, Ruth Hammer, Sharon Baker, Roger Johnson, Carolyn Bell, Patricia Beyers, Peggy Kramer. Third row: Richard Clark, Connie Tobias, Jerry Young, Mary Ann Bowman, Woody Caywood, Sue Thompson, Lowell French, John Cramer. Mrs. Morris.





Front row: William Lucas, John Bradbury, Barbara Reddin, David Colter, David Miller, Judy Bradbury, Gerald Lovell. Second row: Timothy Feighner, Roger Gundy, Janice Wright, Sharon Bailey, Dwight Duhamell, Judy Sparks, Linda Bowersock, Kenneth Burley. Third row: Cynthia Kramer, Robert Hulvey, Carolyn Baughman, Rosey Snyder, Pamelia Cramer, Madeline Antrobus, Lynn Lopshire, Janet Stiner. Fourth row: Marcia Kuhn, Margaret Dunn, Dora Lee Ewert, Linda Rohr, Lonetta Lopshire, James Thompson, James Bowman, Kermit Duff, Vickie Mercer, Luseal Settlemyre.

#### Fourth and Third Grades

Front row: Ann Morris, Carol Bailey, Donnie Denney, Sharon Matthias, Danny Platt, Charline Kumfer, Jeanette Clark, Wendy Kaiser. Second row: Jackie Meyer, Linda Nicholson, Gene Baker, Linda Fairchild, John Wiesel, Sue Carroll, Marilyn Lovell, Connie Yoquelet. Third row: Betty Thomason, Linda Buell, Kenneth Lorenz, Roger Hitzfield, Judy Crammer, Bonnie Sparks, Judy Bailey, Jeneece Sadler. Fourth row: Tommy Young, Susan Reddin, John Koor, Sheila Bear, Maxine Hecht, Lynn Thomas, Berry Thompson, Jerry McClure. Mrs. McClure.





Front row: Rita Edwards, Tom Lesh, Billy Brindle, Marria Hecht, Martin Kuhn, Dick Coulter, Patty Bailey, Walter Ward. Second row: Michael Worrell, Tom Clancy, Rita Carbaugh, Carolyn Lortie, David Woods, David Hobbs, Kay Platt, Joan Prior. Third row: Jane Nicholson, Carol Presbindowski, Rickie Merriman, Cheryl Schnepp, Jane Black, Bonnie Lake, Linda Robison, Janet Crowl, Gene Redin, Mrs. Baker.

#### Second and First Grades

Front row: Phillip Dafforn, Nancy Mongosa, Dee Bear, Allen Householder, Jan Hoopingarner, Nancy Lee Reddin, David Larenz, Ronald Antrobus, Vicki Bowersock. Second row: Barbara Bryce, Mary Hammer, Steven McClure, Barbara Sparks, Connie Worster, Michael Yoquelet, Nancy Shadle, John Murphy, Sharon Sink, Mary Ann Perkins. Third row: Michael Keyser, Marilyn Nail, William Worrell, Sandra Furnas, Richard Wright, Reni Young, Vicki Bradbury, Gale Rust, Ronald Lovell, Max Lortie, Virginia Paul. Fourth row: Patricia Williamson, Lynn Nicholson, Cheryl Murray, Michael Carroll, Janice Frederick, Ronald Spath, Marsh Johnson, Carey Sheley, Ronald Marhenke, Steven Bucker.







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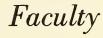


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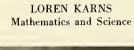
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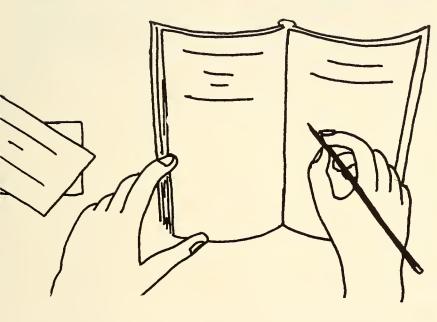




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RUTH McCLURE Grade three





GLADYS MORRIS Grade five

RUTH DEHAVEN Art, English, History, Library

HILDA BAKER Grade two

VIRGINIA PAUL Grade one









Mr. Lopshire, trustee, has presided over many board meetings this year.

## School Board



ROY KENDALL

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The preparation of each day's meal is the work of Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Genth, and Mrs. Wygant along with Mrs. Colderbank who plans the menus. They do their job well as everyone is usually satisfied.

### Cooks and Janitor



Our janitor Mr. Klenke, known to all as "Harry," is kept busy keeping the school clean and in working order.







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Our G.A.A. has gone golfing, bowling, swimming—all of which take co-ordination. Here is an example of our co-ordination. Oops! One wrong move and perfect co-ordination becomes a perfect flop.

### **Organizations**



The Booster Club is a new organization this year. It is formed of enthusiastic fans from grades six to twelve who use their talents and abilities to cheer our boys on to victory.

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### Band and Twirlers



S. Grabner, M. Lesh, Majorettes; E. Fairchild, B. Wisel, J. Sparks, and N. Hitzfield.

Band Members as seated in concert formation. First row: B. Morris, L. Bradbury, L. Cramer, J. Sink, M. Beard, S. Kirchner, B. Evans, R. Kreigh, L. Duhamell, E. Grabner, J. Wisel, M. Woodward. Second row: D. Tobias, S. Harrod, D. Keyser, J. Karr, P. Burley, N. Schmidt, P. Rupert, M. Johnson, R. Mongosa, G. Faust, S. Glass, G. Hall, I. Stephens, W. Parks, D. Karr. Back row: Mr. Wetzel, M. May, N. Blauser, B. Bradbury, J. Woodward, D. Mongosa, J. Blauser.



Front row: P. Rupert, C. Moore, L. Schnepp, L. Bradbury, B. Baughman, B. Richardson, B. Morris, J. Blauser, N. Heller, S. Kirchner, R. Gass. Second row: L. Cramer, J. Sink, B. Platt, M. Chupp, J. Sparks, E. Grabner, R. Mongosa, M. May, J. Wisel, G. Faust, J. Schleuder. Third row: B. Wygant, M. Tobias, I. Stephens, D. Gundy, M. Nahrwold, N. Blauser, B. Reddin, M. Johnson, K. Edwards, B. Bradbury. Fourth row: C. Johnson, W. Parks, B. Hoopingarner, R. Ripley, T. Bradbury, G. Hall, M. Kirchner, B. Ripley.

### Vocal Groups

Leona Schnepp, Gloria Faust, Janice Blauser, and Nancy Blauser enjoy singing Barber Shop quartet numbers for musical entertainment at many school programs. The Boys' Barber Shop quartet composed of Charles Johnson, Bob Hoopingarner, Gary Hall, and Kenny Edwards has furnished musical entertainment for many occasions this year.







First row: Mr. Wetzel, C. King, J. Wisel, S. Rohr, J. Young, N. Chupp, S. Harrod, B. Carpenter, J. French, A. Ewert, E. Fairchild. Second row: D. Keyser, N. Tarr, C. Sheley, L. Mathias, S. Grabner, B. Wisel, J. Woodward, B. Williams, J. Karr, G. Bair. Third row: N. Schmidt, J. Rupert, K. Prough, G. Stephens, D. Heckley, J. Schadle, M. Baughman, M. Burley, J. Markenke.





We seniors have put forth much effort in this yearbook which we hope you will enjoy. We wish to thank the two juniors who contributed their efforts.

### Annual Staff



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The cheering section led by Margie May and Nancy Blauser and the all around spirit of the team helped us win this game with Liberty Center on December 17, 1954.

### SCHEDULE FOR '54-'55 SEASON

	They	₩e
Nov. 5—Roanoke	52	49*
Nov. 6-Hoagland	64	45*
Nov. 12-E. Union	40	34*
Nov. 19—Ossian	61	68
Nov. 23—Harlan	68	51
Dec. 3—Elmhurst	59	53
Dec. 10—Arcola	53	74*
Dec. 17-Liberty Center	51	57*
Dec. 22-23-4-way Tournament		
Harlan	65	39
Jan. 7-E. Union	67	65
Jan. 14-Arcola	40	62
Jan. 20-21-22-County Tournament		
Jan. 21—Hoagland	61	64
Jan. 22-Monroeville		
Jan. 28-Monroeville	71	50
Jan. 29-Rockcreek	71	58
Feb. I-W. Union	77	69*
Feb. 4-Jefferson Center	63	59*
Feb. 11—Coesse		78
Feb. 18-Rockcreek*		

\* Home Games

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### Varsity Basketball





BOB HOOPINGARNER 5' 10," Forward



SHERMAN MESHBERGER 6' 0," Guard



BILL BELL 6' 0," Forward



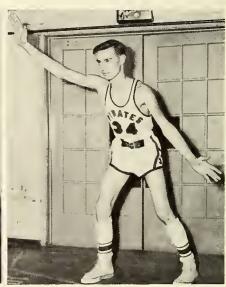
HERMAN HAMMER 5' II," Guard



RONNIE RIPLEY 6' 0," Forward



Coach—ROY KLINE
Managers—TOM BRADBURY and
ERNIE DOHRMAN



DALE STEPHENS 6' 0," Forward



CHARLES JOHNSON 5' 11," Guard



BOB BRADBURY 6' 0," Forward



BOB DENNEY 5' II," Guard



MERLIN DENNEY 5' 10," Center, Forward



Top row: Ripley, Duhamell, Nicholson, Parks, Sadler. Center row: Wygant, Snyder, Brickley, Martin, G. Pelz. Bottom row: Whelchel, Tobias, Hitzfield, E. Pelz, Esterline.

### Second and Junior High Teams

CHEERLEADERS-Jane Woodward, Shaneen Harrod, Sharon Grabner.

Top row: Denney, Lake, Hammer, Lopshire, Prough. Bottom row: Kreigh, Heckley, Sadler, Bailey, Stephens.





Front row, left to right: E. Pelz, C. Johnson, L. Esterline, B. Hitzfield, E. Rohr, E. Dorhman, T. Saddler, B. Waygent, T. Bradbury, B. Carroll. Second row: M. Denney, L. Martin, B. Bell, N. Brickley, Mr. Kline, B. Denney, D. Stephens, R. Ripely, S. Meshberger.

### Spring Sports

In the spring some students enjoy playing a healthful game of badminton outside, or if it is too windy they can play in the gym.



#### BASEBALL SCHEDULE '54 SEASON

	They	We e
Arcola	9	16
Huntertown	2	12
Leo	16	4
Harlan	5	6
Elmhurst		6
Arcola		10
Hoagland	6	1
Woodburn		3

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We wish to thank everyone who has helped to make this yearbook possible—our parents, teachers, friends, and those who have invested in this yearbook through advertising.

Your summer supplement will be mailed to you by June or July. The extra pages will make it possible to include pictures of events happening in the school year which could not otherwise be included. These supplementary pages will provide pictures and accounts of many of our activities happening too late in the school year to be included in the yearbook proper. Some of these events to be covered are the following: Athletic Banquet, Junior-Senior Banquet, Senior Play, Senior Trip, and Graduation.

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